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# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00798-RC

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE v. UNITED Date Filed: 04/09/2018

STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Date Filed: 04/09/2018 Date Terminated: 07/12/2019

Jury Demand: None Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/09/2018	1	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–5412035) filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons, # 3 Summons, # 4 Summons)(Southerland, Abigail) (Attachment 1 replaced on 4/10/2018) (zmd). Modified on 4/10/2018 (zmd). (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/09/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zmd) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
04/10/2018	2	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
04/11/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin Paul Sisney on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
04/11/2018	<u>4</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
04/23/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/13/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/13/2018. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 04/23/2018)
04/23/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/13/2018 (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 04/23/2018)
04/23/2018	7	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/13/2018. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 04/23/2018)
05/14/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 05/14/2018)
05/14/2018	9	NOTICE of Appearance by Wyneva Johnson on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 05/14/2018)
05/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule by May 30, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on May 15, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/15/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/30/2018 (tj) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/30/2018	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File the Rule 16.3 Statement</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 05/30/2018)
06/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting 10 Defendant's Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Rule 16.3 Statement: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a joint report in accordance with Local Civil Rule 16.3 by July 16, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on June 6, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/07/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Meet & Confer Statement due by 7/16/2018. (tj) (Entered: 06/07/2018)

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07/16/2018	11	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>file the parties' Rule 16.3 Statement</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/18/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
07/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting 11 Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time: The parties' Joint Report under Local Rule 16.3 shall be submitted by July 18, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on July 19, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
07/19/2018	<u>13</u>	SCHEDULING ORDER: See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on July 19, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
07/20/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/31/2018 (tj) (Entered: 07/20/2018)
08/30/2018	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Olivia F. Summers on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Summers, Olivia) (Entered: 08/30/2018)
08/30/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 08/30/2018)
08/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by October 25, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on August 31. 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
09/05/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/25/2018 (tj) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
10/25/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 10/25/2018)
10/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by November 29, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/26/2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 11/29/2018. (tj) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by January 25, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on November 29, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/30/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 1/25/2019 (tj) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
01/22/2019	<u>18</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay , MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting 18 Motion to Stay: It is hereby ORDERED that this case is STAYED until appropriations are restored to the Department of Justice. The joint status report currently due on January 25, 2019 shall now be filed within fourteen days of appropriations being restored to the Department of Justice. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on January 23, 2019. (lcrc2) Modified on 1/23/2019 (lcrc2, ). (Entered: 01/23/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>20</u>	ENTERED IN ERRORJoint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Wyneva) Modified to enter in error as a duplicate of 19 on 2/11/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties will file another joint status report by March 8,

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		2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on February 8, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>21</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties will file another joint status report by April 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on March 5, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/8/2019. (tj) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>22</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by May 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on April 9, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/8/2019 (tj) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
05/08/2019	23	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>23</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by June 10, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on May 8, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/10/2019. (tj) (Entered: 05/21/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>24</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit another joint status report by July 10, 2019, in the event that this case is not dismissed before that date. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on June 10, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/10/2019. (tj) (Entered: 06/11/2019)
07/08/2019	<u>25</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Wyneva Johnson (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 07/08/2019)
07/10/2019	<u>26</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 07/10/2019)